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Sir or Madam:

The above-noted patent application was filed on January 7, 2002. We submitted an executed Declaration on April 8, 2002. We also submitted an Assignment for recordation on May 15, 2003 and an Information Disclosure Statement on May 23, 2003. This inquiry shall serve as a formal request as to the status of this application.

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